

REMARKS

Claims 3-5 and 35-37 stand objected to because of the following informalities: though alternative expressions are permissive in the claims, they should be drafted in proper alternative format, i.e. "selected from A, B or C"; or in proper Markush claim format, i.e. "selected from the group consisting of A, B and C". The present amendments to the identified claims are in compliance with the Examiner's request.

Claims 1-48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nair et al (US 2004/0091643A1) in view of Higashi et al (USPN 6,060,183) or Aylward et al (USPN 6,832,037). This rejection is overcome by the following statement:

STATEMENT OF COMMON OWNERSHIP

Applicants' attorney hereby confirms that the present application and the cited Nair et al. (US 2004/0091643) and Aylward et al. (US 6,832,037) were, at the time this invention was made, commonly assigned or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same legal entity.

In view of the above statement, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection and to pass the subject application to Allowance.

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